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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents listed are also enclosed.

Europe 0 760 289
Europe 0 679 518
Europe 0 935 213

These documents were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search dated December 4, 2002 is enclosed.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Moreover, inasmuch as the information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a foreign counterpart application no more than three months prior to the filing of

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this Information Disclosure Statement, it is believed that is this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

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